

# The Social World

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## Benard-Olvera Betrothal Told

Following close on the heels of Christmas gaiety is news of a romance between Miss Suzanne Benard and Flaviano Olvera Jr., which was sealed with an engagement ring during the holidays.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor D. Benard, 1448 Engracia Ave. Since her graduation from Torrance High School last June, she has been attending El Camino College, where she is affiliated with Gamma Phi Delta. High school activities included Girls' Court, Judge, Tartar Ladies, and Tri-H.

Olvera, a 1952 graduate of Narbonne High School, is the son of the senior Olveras, 2240 W. 260th St., Lomita. No date has been set for the wedding.



MISS SUZANNE BENARD  
... Reveals Engagement

## BPW May Name Delegate to Federation Meet Tomorrow

Naming of a delegate from the local Business and Professional Women's Club to attend a meeting of the Federation directors in Fresno next week-end will highlight tomorrow night's 7 o'clock meeting of the club at the City Hall.

A report by Harriet Covington, chairman, on the amount of money raised during a recent project to establish a scholarship for a senior girl at Torrance High School, also will feature the session.

Mrs. Kathryn A. Maloney, state president of the organization, said directors will lay preliminary plans for five workshops and a massive buzz session for the anticipated 200 delegates at the state convention, to be held next May in San Francisco. Workshops will stress presidential duties, parliamentary procedure, finance, membership, and public relations tools, while topics slated for discussion during the buzz session are programs, projects, and procedures on all levels of the business women's organization.

Another subject of board decision with convention significance is a recommendation forwarded by 10 state chairmen that "Employment Problems of Maturing Women" be adopted as a state action project, and that procedures and a budget be developed prior to the state convention.

If favored by the board, the recommendation will go before the convention body in May.

Mrs. Bessie DeWitt, chairman of the Federation's committee on political promotion, will submit her committee's report on women applicants for the Federation's support in 1954 campaigns for election to state office.

The committee already has recommended endorsement of the re-election of Assemblyman Dorothy Donahoe, Democrat of Kern County. It is anticipated that if this recommendation is adopted, the women will choose to throw their efforts behind a Republican candidate, in line with the committee's bi-partisan policy. The same policy would permit a new candidate both moral and financial support from the Federation, where, as Miss Donahoe, who credits much of the success of her 1952 campaign in BPWC, has asked no financial aid.

"Meet Me in St. Louis" will be the subject of a plea by Miss

## LOCAL PTA TO HOSTESS COUNCIL

Haldale PTA will hostess the Lomita-San Pedro Council PTA next Tuesday, Jan. 5, at a luncheon following the 10 a.m. business session, Mrs. James Trifon, Council publicity chairman, reported this week.

Topic for the day will be "Maintaining Good Family Relations," with Blanche Bobbitt, supervisor of health education for Los Angeles City Schools, featured as the speaker. Other program highlights will include several numbers by the Haldale Mothersingers, directed by Mrs. Ruth Adams, and committee reports from health and room mother chairmen.

Mildred Mann, chairman of the Federation's biennial committee for a large representation of Californians at the 1954 biennial convention in St. Louis next July.

Miss Fe Clara Paez, the Federation's 1954 scholar from the Philippines, will be a special guest at the board meeting. Miss Paez is a post-graduate student in nursing instruction at the University of California in Berkeley.

## Harbor YW To Hear Talk On Germany

Members and friends of the Harbor District YWCA have been invited by the Los Angeles Association to hear Fay Allen of the Foreign Division of the YWCA when she speaks on Monday, Jan. 11, at 1 p.m. at the Wilshire Methodist Church.

"The Blue Triangle in the German Setting" will be discussed by Miss Allen, who will bring first-hand knowledge of the situation as she is on leave from her work in Germany. She is an American secretary loaned to the German YW to develop new types of program to meet the needs of present-day Germany. Her assignment is working with a special project, named "Neighborhood House in Berlin."

Previous to her work in Germany, Miss Allen was advisory secretary to the YWCA in Argentina. Before that she was a member of the staff of the students at YWCA at UCLA.

Reservations to attend the meeting must be made by calling the local YWCA before Jan. 8.

## Haldale PTA Plans Paper, Rag Drive

Haldale Ave. PTA will participate in a paper-rag-fat drive beginning in mid-January, with all proceeds earmarked for the student fund to buy instruments for the school orchestra, Mrs. A. B. Tapia, press chairman, revealed this week.

Announcement of the drive highlighted the association's December meeting, which carried "Father's Night" as its theme. Mothersingers, with Mrs. Patricia Gros at the piano, provided a choral background of Christmas songs for a special reading of the Christmas story according to the Gospel of St. Luke, which was presented by Mrs. John Blackmon. Two vocal solos, "Holy City," by John R. Blackmon, and "As I Watched Beside My Sheep" by Norma Condon also highlighted the program.

## 'Stork Story' FROM TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

First day after Christmas brought a new addition to the family of U. S. Army Captain and Mrs. Richard A. Huff—a 6 lb. 5 oz. baby girl who has been named Twila Melissa. The infant joins two brothers, three-year-old Harmon and one-and-one-half-year-old Stanley, at the 2322 S. Western Ave. Huff home. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ericson, 22407 S. Denker Ave., and John A. Huff of Arlington, Va.

Also parents of a new little daughter are the Bert Sherwoods, 25828 Cayuga St., Nemo, Calif. The "little" girl weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. when born at 9:35 p.m. Dec. 27. She has two brothers, Richard and Bradford Campbell, and her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Myerscough, 1518 Pacific Coast Hwy., Harbor City, and Mrs. Bertha Sherwood of San Pedro.

Elizabeth Anne is the name chosen by the John F. Gannon, 2384 W. 246th Pl., for their new little daughter, who arrived Dec. 28. Father of the 6 lb. 8 oz. bit of femininity is a superintendent at Simon's Oil; Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. Gannon, 2077 W. 237th St., are grandparents.

Arman First Class Cecil W. Watson and his wife, 1851 W. Lomita Blvd., are announcing the arrival of their first child, a 5 lb. 11 1/2 oz. baby girl named Marcia Mae, the daughter was born at 3:29 a.m. Dec. 29. Grandparents are Mrs. Bertha Kondziella of Milwaukee, Wis., and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Watson of Cortez, Colo.

A new baby brother for seven-year-old Anita has been added to the 22425 Kathryn Ave. home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bakove. Arriving Dec. 29 with a weight of 6 lbs. 10 oz. the infant, first son of the Bakoves, has been named Bradbourne Stacy. Father is employed at Douglas Aircraft; Messrs. and Mesdames M. B. Bakove of Philadelphia, Pa., and A. Woodward of England are grandparents.

Welcoming the arrival of a new baby sister is 22-month-old Steve Rondell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Patton, 923 W. 220th St. The little girl weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. when born Dec. 29 and has been named Sherry Joanna. Father is a crane operator at National Supply Co.; grandparents are Mrs. Opal Patton of Torrance, Jewel Patton of Salinas, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Marical of Torrance.

The Stewart S. Cooke, 1838 W. 209th St., now have two boys since the arrival at 5:31 a.m. Dec. 31 of 7 lb. 12 oz. Douglas Allen. The new baby's brother, Stephen, is two years old; father is employed at Shell Chemical; and Messrs. and Mesdames George Jennings of Lomita and Burt S. Cooke of Torrance are grandparents.

## SET PARTY DATE

Men's Club of the Gardens Valley Jewish Center set May 8 for its annual Latke Party when members held their regular meeting at the AmVet Hall last Monday night. Site of the affair will be the Western Cafe in Gardens.

Membership in the group is still open, and anyone interested may contact Al Hayman, 2002 W. 146th St., Gardens.



WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF... Playing this traditional party game are seven young college co-eds who were classmates at Torrance High School, graduating in '51 and '52. Marian McDonald asks the question to JoAnn Benard, who hosted the get-together at her 1448 Engracia Ave. home last Thursday afternoon, while grouped in a circle around the whisperers are, left to right, Jane Fischer, Ann Stephens, Erma Carstens, Alicia Loranger, and Barbara Jackson. (Herald photo)

## THS Grads, Now College Gals, WSCS Starts '54 Slate This Week

Reminiscences of high school fun and tales of college life colored conversation Thursday afternoon when Miss JoAnn Benard hosted a buffet luncheon at her 1448 Engracia Ave. home, for guests were college co-eds who graduated from Torrance High School in 1951 and 1952.

Lighted white tapers banked by purple caryanthemums and ivy centered the buffet table, and several games were sandwiched in between the lively "catching up on the news" chatter to add further spice to the afternoon.

Miss Marian McDonald, who is now attending El Camino College; Ann Stephens, Alicia Loranger, and Jane Fischer, Whittier College co-eds; Erma Carstens, student at Occidental College; Barbara Jackson and Miss Benard, both of whom are studying at Willamette University in Salem, Ore., shared in the fun.

## Harbor Parents to Learn How to Help Kids in School

"How Can I Help My Child in School?" will be the topic when Mrs. Beatrice Woodbridge, well-known parent education teacher in the Harbor area, will conduct a child study class at Harbor City School Monday evening, Jan. 11, at 7:30 o'clock in the auditorium.

These study groups, sponsored by Harbor City PTA, will continue for six consecutive Monday evenings at the same site.

Classes were arranged following a survey conducted by Mrs. Lewis Learnard, PTA parent education chairman, to determine the subject most wanted for discussion. Child care will be provided and a coffee time is planned for each meeting.

Topics for future sessions are the following:

"Teaching Home Responsibilities"—Jan. 18.

"Why Do Children Quarrel?"—Jan. 25.

"Children's Allowances"—Feb. 1.

"How To Teach Children About Sex"—Feb. 8 and 15.

## Fern-Greenwood Tots Stage Xmas Program

Parents of kindergarten and third grade children got a special treat at last week's Fern Aves. Greenwood PTA meeting, for the tots staged a Christmas program as the highlight of the session.

Business highlights included the naming of Mrs. J. R. Patrick as delegate and Mrs. E. W. Ingram as alternate to serve on the nominating board for Council PTA officers.



ALL THROUGH... Mrs. Joseph Helphand, philanthropy chairman for the Junior Women's Club, hands the last one of 10,000 envelopes club members addressed, stamped, and stuffed, to Mrs. Clara A. Conner, postmaster, who is city chairman for the March of Dimes Drive this year. The cards telling the goal of the drive this year will be in the mailboxes of local residents tomorrow morning. Pictured holding stacks of the completed envelopes are Mesdames William Dixon, left, and Charles T. Rippey Jr., co-philanthropy chairman for Juniors. (Herald photo)

## Creative Family Living

By Dorothy L. Law



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## PERSONALITY DEVELOPED BY FOUR MAIN DRIVES

In the next few weeks I want to discuss the ways in which the child's personality develops. Every school of psychology has its own theories as to how this comes about, and so I too can only present my viewpoints on the subject as I give them in my Depth Psychology class.

Personality patterns are the result of growth. A well-integrated personality doesn't just spring up—"full-blown." A pleasing personality can be cultivated.

### PERSONALITY A MASK

What is personality? My psychiatric dictionary says: "Personality is the outermost aspect of the self." The word persona is a Greek word meaning mask, used to describe the masks used in early dramas to enable a single actor to play many roles in a play. The actors, who were mostly young boys, simply slipped on a mask of the fair maiden, the old witch, or the wise king, etc. In that way a very limited cast could present a play with many characters. Our personality can be thought of in a similar fashion. In our lives we have many roles to play, and we are the actors of them all.

Through the years as we grow and develop, certain ways of behavior proved themselves more satisfying, brought us more approval and acceptance from those about us. These ways of thinking, feeling, and acting grouped themselves into what we call a "pattern." Most of us have several or more of these patterns which we use more or less consciously, and often one is used unconsciously or even denied completely (this is the one we think is least like us; it usually is responsible for most of the blunders we make going through life).

### PATTERNS LEARNED

The child is not born with a personality pattern as such. Naturally he has predispositions toward certain types of expression. He also has the potentials for good or bad, the worst or the best; his natural or native abilities or talents, and certain basic needs which should be adequately met through his environment, his racial or cultural heritage, his spiritual heritage, as well as the physical characteristics and tendencies passed on from his parents. He has no pictures about this life, the world about him, or himself. These are added by the environment. Naturally the ways in which those about him deal with him and feel toward him are going to be important factors in determining the use he makes of the potentials within.

It is, of course, with this area that the field of child psychology concerns itself. We cannot change that which has gone before (however the environment can modify some inherited predispositions to a great degree) but we can see that the child learns healthy, wholesome pictures about his little world. For it is from these pictures he will begin to formulate personality patterns he will use as he grows a little older.

Hidden behind this maze of personality patterns is hidden the "real self," constricted and hampered by this most superficial outermost mask the person has come to believe is himself. It is the uncovering of this real self which is the task of the depth psychologist, to help the individual come to know and understand the deeper layers of the self, to accept himself more completely, and use his patterns as tools for the expression of the self. In that way we have flexibility and adaptability with a minimum of frustration.

### FOUR MAIN PATTERNS

We will consider four personality patterns in the next four weeks representative of four main drives within the human organism. The names are refreshing after most psychological terms floating around—the turtle, the star, the clinging vine, and the tyrant. According to this theory we have all four of these types of pattern established within us as adults and every child spends the first years of his life learning from his parents' patterns.

These patterns can be expressed in a well-balanced and integrated personality or a warped and egocentric one. Next time we will talk about the little "star" child who has such a great need for recognition and approval and the child who fears this side of himself. Naturally I can only touch on this subject. I hope you will be stimulated to further reading and study along these lines.

Based on the book "My Dear Ego" by Fritz Kunkle, M.D. Letters may be addressed to Mrs. Law at the Torrance Herald or the Methodist Church, Redondo Beach, Calif.

## Counseling Service Gives Free Lecture

Local residents will have an opportunity to learn the way of "Building Successful Lives" when the Redondo Beach extension of the Compton Counseling Service, Inc., sponsors a free lecture next Tuesday night, Jan. 5, at 8 o'clock at the First Methodist Church of Redondo Beach.

Edith R. Stauffer, director of the Compton Counseling Service, will be the speaker.

Other free lectures, private counseling, group counseling, and classes in family life education also are offered by the Redondo Beach extension of the service. Further information may be obtained by calling FRontier 5-3016, or NEWmark 2-8812.

## ON JAN. 15 ARTS CLUB WILL ELECT

Election of officers for 1954 will highlight the next meeting of the Arts and Crafts Club, slated for Jan. 15 at the home of Ruth Hardin.

Plans for the session were made and new secretaries were drawn when members held their annual Christmas dinner and party at Mrs. Hardin's home recently. Secret pals for 1953 were revealed at the festivities, and Santa Claus distributed gifts and Christmas cards to all attending.

This year the club chose as its philanthropic project the sending of gifts to patients in the tuberculosis ward at Harbor General Hospital.

## 'Fireladies' Plan for '54

Lavonia (Mrs. Bill) Russell will conduct her first meeting as president of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Torrance Fire Department tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock in McMaster Hall, according to Mrs. J. V. Agapito, press chairman.

A revision of the by-laws and plans for the 1954 program will highlight the business session, while appearing in the feature entertainment spotlight of the evening will be Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, Torrance librarian, giving a talk on the history and growth of Torrance.

The "Fireladies" also will bid welcome to new members, Mesdames Robert Ward and Ernest Katsorke. Serving of refreshments will climax the evening.